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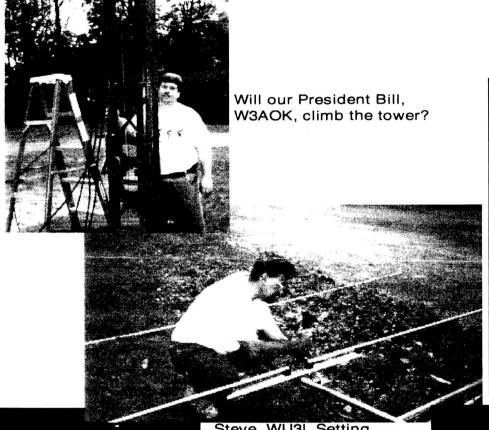


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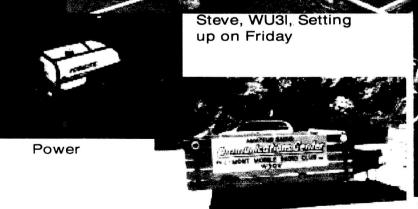
August 2000

Field Day 2000 Begins



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This is our utility trailer



N3XKE getting ready to launch the VHF tower.

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Amateur Radio License Examinations are held on the *first* non-holiday Thursday of every month at The Franklin Institute Science Museum—registration finishes at 6 p.m. doors close at 6:30 PM-SHARP!

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E-mail: info@phil-mont.org 2-meter repeater: 147.03 MHz p/l 91.5 70-cm repeater: 444.80 MHz (186.2 Hz PL) Simplex: 147.51 MHz

24-hour club information at W3AA: 215-448-1139

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W3AA - The Franklin Institute Science Museum, Philadelphia, PA - Trustee WU3I; Manager: W3STW

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W3AA packet BBS frequency: 144.99 MHz: w3aa@w3aa.#sepa.pa.usa.noam

W3AA e-mail: w3aa@phil-mont.org

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Net Schedule

Tuesday CW Practice Net at 20:00— 147.030MHz FM (NOT DURING JUNE JULY AND AUGUST)

Sunday morning 2 Meter Net at 09:30 — 147.030 Mhz FM

Sunday morning "10-on-10" Net at 10:00 —28.393 Mhz SSB (+ or - for QRM)

Sunday morning 75 meter Net at 10:20 — 3.993 MHzSSB

Sunday at Field Day 2000



W3AOK, WB0CPR, WU3I



PSK231 begins



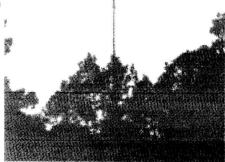
Joann, N3FTC and Steve, WU3I



Fred, KE3NP and RoxN3KQH on 40.



Heart massage by WU31?



Now that is a VHF antenna tower



The Green Grocers-Domenic, KD3TC and son



Carl,WB0CPR resting after a long night



40 M is alive and well with Dick, W3RM and Mike, N3MT



Carol, N3PVO and Rick, N3DHI our 10 M team



The heat of the battle

180th Monthly Phil-Mont VE Test Session Statistics for July, 2000 Nineteen (19) candidates took fifteen (15) elements. We had three (3) new amateurs with

twelve (12) upgrades.

The VE team was chaired by Dusty Rhoads (ND3Q). Members are: Jim McCloskey, NS3K: Jeff Kerber, N3VE:

Exam Dates for the year 2000:

August 10 (second Thursday), Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2 and Dec. 7.

VE Examination Sites

Confirm all information, in advance, with the contact person. Licensed applicants must bring the original, and one photocopy of their license. All applicants, including children, must show two other types of ID. Also bring the original, and a copy, of any Certificate of Successful Completion needed to prove current status. The ARRL VEC's 2000 test fee is \$6.65.

THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE

Monthly, 1st Thursday — Dusty Rhoads, ND3Q. 215-879-0505, day. 215-448-1139 24-hours. Doors open at 6PM and close sharply at 6:30 PM.

BELLLMAWR, NEW JERSEY

Diane Nafis, 609-227-6281. Testing is the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM. They meet at the Bellmawr Municipal Complex, Browning Rd. and Lewis Ave., one block off Black Horse Pike, Route 168.

BRISTOL, PA

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David L. Heller, 2125-946-1040

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Joseph Burgess, 215-723-6697

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Tom Michaud, WA3TQJ, 215-343-3494

WILMINGTON, DE

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Field Day Report

rell Gang we had a lot of fun! Field Day is once again history and we all had a good time (those of use who weren't awakened at 2AM for the key to the gate, that is). But, anyhow we had a great time and everyone got to try something, everywhere. We had a visit from the Photographer from the Ambler Gazette on Friday and the reporter on Saturday. A fine article followed in the following week's issue.

Here are the Scores with a comparison to 1999

2M SB - 24 QSO - 48 pts 1999 - 16 pts 6M SB - 95 QSO - 190 pts 1999 - 184 pts

10M SB - 145 QSO - 290 pts 1999 - 356 pts

15M SB - 166 QSO - 332 pts 1999 - 432 pts

15M CW - 6 QSO - 24 pts

20M PSK - 69 QSO - 276 pts

20M CW - 19 QSO - 76 pts 1999 - 736 pts 20M SB - 157 QSO - 314 pts 1999 - 404 pts 40M SB - 190 QSO - 380 pts 1999 - 120 pts 40M CW - 538 QSO - 2152 pts 1999 - 2008 pts 80M CW - 67 QSO - 268 pts 1999 - 568 pts 80M SB - 456 QSO - 912 pts 1999 - 306 pts 5262 pts 1999 - total 6118 pts

This does not count the bonus points.

We did not do as well as last year but we had a lot of fun. We already have some suggestions for next year. One of the best is to have alternate antennas available for 10 and 15 meters so when the band folds they can switch to 40 or 75/80 with the permission of the correct Band Captain and with the correct logging disk.

Now time for the hardest part because I always forget some-

see Field Day continued on page 7

The

PREZ SEZ



Knock the dust off those HF rigs, currently we are near the peak of the solar cycle, so conditions are generally better because of the increased ionization of the ionosphere. Give ten and six meters a try, you may be very surprised to work DX with very little power.

Amateur Radio operators who use HF generally like increased sunspots because they correlate with better worldwide radio propagation. When there are more sunspots, the sun puts out radiation, which charges particles in the earth's ionosphere. Radio waves bounce off of these charged particles, and the denser these clouds of ions, the better the HF propagation. When the iono-

sphere is denser, higher frequencies will reflect off of the ionosphere rather than passing through to space. This is why every 11 years or so when this activity is higher, 10 meters gets exciting. 10 meters is at a high enough frequency, right near the top of the HF spectrum, that radio waves propagate very efficiently when the sunspot count is high. Because of the wavelength, smaller antennas are very efficient on this band, so mobile stations running low power on 10 meters can communicate world wide on a daily basis when the sunspot cycle is at its peak. There are also seasonal variations, and 10 meters tends to be best near the spring or fall equinox.

This has been quite a week for solar activity, with blasts of solar wind dominating space weather news. Saturday 7-22-00, was the big day for HF radio blackouts and aurora, with the planetary A index jumping to an incredible 152 and the mid-latitude A index at 148. The planetary K index, updated every three hours, was at nine for three readings on Saturday. A K index reading of nine over a 24-hour period would be equivalent to an A index of 300. Hopefully this latest flare will settle down soon and conditions will improve.

Portions from the K7VVV Solar Update ARRL newsletter

Zvezda module eventually to house ham radio

he just-launched International Space Station Zvezda Service Module eventually will become home to the first permanent Amateur Radio station in space. Until the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station—or ARISS—antennas can be installed on the Service Module, however, the initial ham station gear will be installed aboard the Zarya Functional Cargo Block, already in space.

The first ISS crew, headed by US astronaut Bill Shepherd, KD5GSL, is scheduled to be launched in October from Kazakhstan. Accompanying Shepherd will be Russian cosmonauts Sergei Krikalev, U5MIR, and Yuri Gaidzenko.

If all goes as planned, the initial amateur station hardware will be sent up to the ISS aboard shuttle mission STS-106 in August, and Shepherd and his crewmates will be on the air on 2 meters (FM voice and packet) from the Functional Cargo

Block this fall. The initial station will use an existing Functional Cargo Block antenna that's being adapted to support operation on 2 meters but not on 70 cm.

Current plans call for amateur antennas 2meter and 70-cm antennas to be installed on the Service Module during a space walk next year. The initial station gear will be reinstalled in the Service Module once the antennas have been fitted.

A Russian Proton-K rocket carried the long-delayed Service Module into orbit July 12 at 0458 UTC from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan. Zvezda ("star") will contain flight controls, waste-disposal facilities, and crew sleeping quarters. Once in orbit, the unmanned Zvezda will be docked July 26 by computer with Zarya ("dawn") and the US Unity modules launched in 1998.

A Russian call sign, RZ3DZR, has been issued for the ISS ham radio station. A German call sign, DL0ISS, also has been issued, and a US call sign has been applied for. An international call sign may eventu-

ally be assigned if a call sign block is established for international space stations.

A primary goal of ARISS is to establish and maintain a schedule of Amateur Radio contacts with schools. ARISS will inherit the long legacy of the successful Space Amateur Radio EXperiment. SAREX, a cooperative education effort involving NASA and the ARRL, has allowed students to speak directly to shuttle astronauts and US astronauts aboard the Russian Mir space station via Amateur Radio. (ARRL)



DE Farmer Makefield

Wall, FM took time out from shoveling horse apples in the barn (too hot) to go to Field Day and it was great. U know PMRC runs on its stomach and FD would never happen without cookie Steve doing the honors with the fine aid of our most welcome grocery purveyor Domenic (KD3TC) who donated the corn, peaches, vegetables and goodies. PXY's XYL got the bible rendition of how to select artichokes and cook them. PXY ordered a basket full until Dom named the price well in excess of PXY's limit of \$11. To get those goodies there will have to be a bored of directors meeting to allocate funds.

We missed Dr. mark - not there to get pictures like last time. He was probably out fishing.

40 Meters was hot with Roxy cranking them out with KE3NP. John loaned the equipment, along with W3AYT working a long wire ladder line feed draped out around the back forty bringing them in in great shape.

Tom, KLR, and new bride Nicole were not there, but pop VVS was right on tap to set up and take down. We got the news of the world via Eunice.

New face Raoul, KB3DBG was there gobbling up all the goodies well behind PXY, who will showup any time there is a free meal and Joann was right in there pitching the goodies.

Fred, KIO, was giving 20M a go with his mint condition HW 100. PXY has tubes for it to keep it going for the next century. Just goes to show you don't need a gold mine and a Kenwood 16500000 to get on the air.

Carmen, KB3QB, was there with his crowd of kids and number one son who is busy working on license. Listen to Carmen and his scout troop and it warms the heart to see a fearless leader spending piles of time for the kids.

The works would not hold together without Rick, DHI, and Carol, PVO. They were working 10. Deeno, TAL, was taking it all in and voted a bunch of flowers to Jack and Jinny for picking up the ball on the Blurb last month a day back from their round the world trip. Dean was under the weather at the time. We need a picture show from Jack.

Hope is studying for a ticket at the urging of Gene (who did not collect his picture that PXY had from last year with Bill, AOK). So now we will have more female on the frequency. Pretty dead without them. And Frank puts up with Denise and her radio. Nothing was holding him back from the food, however.

Females are most famous for talk, but Denise does a lot of ANO listening going to and coming from. Did you know she is a fiddler in a String Band?

You know Dusty is not out in front at meetings, etc., but the club really runs on the second line that works in the background like Dusty and BN, Mike. Dusty with the exams month after month. When KOJ showed up he and Natalie had 4 pieces of KFC waiting, but they didn't show. Too bad, PXY took care of it.

What happened to Sam, Bob, W3NE and Bob, YLT? Not there...

Now Jules we are told was in there on CW in the late hours giving RM a run for count. W3RM and MT Mike piled up a big score on CW. For the new folks CW is interrupted Continuous Wave.

KB3IV, Ed and Rick got everyone on the right road coming in with talk-in.

Wow, did you see tha Army surplus tower that AOK freighted in from Dayton. Load 8 foot sections from the bottom on up to 80 plus feet with the beam you fasten at ground level. Drool, Drool and FM's tower is about ready to collapse after 50 years in the air. Somehow his XYL did not share the same enthoosiasm. The Field Day count awaits Carol's count. The fun is not in the count, but in the super food and camaradaree meeting all the good folks who came out, plus fixing all that is busted from last year. ***Nuf of Field Day. Real sad to see the Southern Reporter is a Silent Key. FM misses the Blurb banter back and forth. Dr. Carl needs help from Chicka Dee and whoever down that way to get back on the air. Barry's patch on 75 Sunday keeps Carl with it and who is cheerie as ever for 150 years old.. wall, that is all we could shovel out of the barnyard for now.

Field Day 2000 Picnic









Field Day continued from page s

body when I thank you. If I forgot to mention your name it is because I have a poor memory and don't write everything down. First, thanks to the Band Captains and operators, without them we have no Field Day. Thanks To Dominic, K3DTC for the fine produce and the great stoves and griddle (sure made life easier for me). Thanks to Carol, N3PVO for the data collection and keeping the laptops running. We may need to supplement our laptops next year. We lost a few to old age this year. Thanks to Gene, N3XKE for what seemed like a TON of ice to keep everything cold and fresh. Thanks to my bride Joann, N3FTC for coming up with a great recipe and cooking it for the gang for dinner Saturday night. Thanks to all who were there for a great time and hope to see more of you there next year.

Steve Hoch, WU31 Field Day Coordinator (I'm not in charge just responsible).

PA SALES TAX HOLIDAY

There's a Pennsylvania SALES TAX HOLIDAY on the purchase of a personal computer purchased on:

August 6-13, 2000 AND February 18-25, 2001

See the following for more information.

http://www.revenue.state.pa.us/taxfreepc/index.htm





W2HSA — Charles Snyder 11-/13/19 — 7/6/2000

Charles Snyder, W2HSA, formerly W3NIP died July 6. He was 80 years old.

Until his retirement, he was employed by Allen-Bradley. He was very active mobile on 29.493 kc AM and later on 147.03 FM. He continued to check into the Sunday morning nets after he moved to Wayne, NJ. He is survived by a son. Charles and a daughter, Nancy.



W3PST Ellwood "Woody" Haldeman 1919-2000

Elwood "Woody" Haldeman. W3PST, died July 7 at the age of 80. A railroad man before his retirement, he later became Radio Officer for Phila. Civil Defense. Woody was editor of the BLURB for many years. He is survived by his wife Jerrie and several children.

ATLANTIC DIVISION HAMFEST CALENDAR

AUG 5 Tompkins County ARC - NY AUG 13 + Jersey Shore ARS - Bayville, NJ

AUG 27 + Skyview Radio Society - New Kensington, PA

SEP 9 Radio Assn of Erie - Erie, PA

SEP 10 + Butler Co. ARA - Butler, PA SEP 23 + Buffalo Hamfest - Hamburg, NY Western NY Section Convention

SEP 28-30+Microwave Update 2000 Conference - Trevose, PA Specialty Convention

SEP 30 ARA of the Southern Tier - Horseheads, NY

OCT 1 Pack Rats - Wrightstown, PA OCT 22 + RF Hill ARC - Sellersville, PA

** Visit the Atlantic Division Web page at http://www.bfdin.com/atlantic/index.htm

+ indicates ARRL Hamfest

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

01 Lee Pamplin - N3EKR

02 Tom Bohlander - WA3KLR

04 Harry Carl - W3KDO

George King - W3PXY

Alice Tannenbaum - WA2BTB

05 Rollie Madara - W3PWG

Kitty Trout - KA3BDU (XYL W3IGW)

09 Carolyn Popovic - KA3VLJ

12 Ethel Cox (XYL K3TYB)

Joann Hoch - N3FTC

14 Lucille Gargano (XYL N3YGY) Pat Mescanti (XYL K2LK)

15 Mark Ackerman - N3DO Art Lester - W3FWI

Richard Williams - KB3CPC

- 17 Kitty Newman (XYL KC2FIO)
- 18 Gertrude Richenbach (XYL WE3D)
- 19 Donna Lynn Larkin WAIWYQ (XYL KA2FFP)
- 22 Hal Burks KA3LCW John Muroff - W3SAI
- 24 Frank Burstein (OM KB3ANO) Raoul Feguson - AA3VF*
- 25 Frank Whitten K3TEF
- 28 Gordy Lusky W3APD

Joan Peebles - N3HPV (XYL NZ3O)

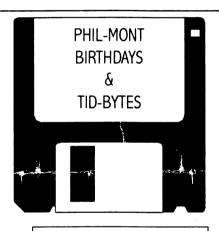
30 Paul Bohlander - W3VVS

*Indicates new member 1999-2000

New Call: KB3DBG now answers to AA3VF

REENLISTED IN PMRC

Add KB2TEZ (see 1999 Directory)



MEMBERSHIP STATS

147 Full paid members

15 Family members

Youth members (under 17)

Honorary members

Pending members

PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

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Russ Stafford, W3CH Phone: (610)631-3401 ext. 902 Packet: w3ch@w3ch.#sepa.pa.usa.noam

September 23 and 24

City to Shore MS-150

Cherry Hill, NJ to Ocean City, NJ

December 3- Brian's Run West Chester, Pa.

Public Service Forms Available

Public Service Forms are available on Line. Thanks to Charlie, W3WF and Peter, KB3DFQ you may download any of the following sign-up forms for the year 2000 public service events.

MS Walks

Chester County Bike Tour MS 150 City to Shore 2000 the url is:

http://metro-comm.freethinkers.net (thanks to W3CH)







It is with great regert that I announce the resignation of W3STW Al Tribble as Station Manager of W3AA. Al has served for the last several years and has done a FANTASTIC JOB. I have not been able to be at the station as I had in the past due to changes in my work schedule. Al has several events in his community that need his utmost attention and he has chosen to devote his energies to them. Many Thanks to Al for his hard and tireless work in the last several years for the preservation and enlargment of W3AA. We will miss you Al. Steve, WU31.

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Calendar for August 2000

August — named for the /roman emperor, Augustus Caesar, who slightly modified the Julian calendar.

1	Jues	
2	Wed	
3	Jhur	
4	3 ri	U.S. Coast Guard established in 1790
5	Sat	
6	Sun	(2M net -N3OWM) (75M net- W3PWG) (10M net-W3AA)
7	Mon	
8	Jues	
9	Wed	
10	Jhur	
11	3-ri	
12	Sat	
13	Sun	(2M net-WB3KOJ) (75M net-KB3IV) (10M net - W3AA)
14	Mon	V-J Day 1945
15	Jues	Full Moon
16	Wed	
17	Thur	
18	3-ri	
19	Sat	
20	Sun	(2M net - KB3IV) (75M net - W3PWG) (10M net - W3AA)
21	Mon	
22	Jues	
23	Wed	Sacco and Vanzetti executed 1927
24	Jhur	
25	3ri	
26	Sat	Women win right to vote in 1920
27	Sun	(2M net - N3FTY) (75M net- KB3IV) (10M net- W3AA)
28	Mon	
29	Jues	New Moon
30	Wed	
31	Jhur	

Activities for August 2000

Net Control stations should read the following announcements before asking if there are any more announcements for the

- VE testing will be held on Thursday August 10th at 6:30 P.M. The 2000 ARRL VE test fee is \$6.65.
- Sign up for the MS150 City to Shore Bike Ride. Remember this is our biggest Public Service event of the year. This is one of the reasons the FCC allows us to exist.

Looking Ahead

Topics for the General Meetings for the remainder 0f 2000:

- **√** August No General or Board meeting this month.
- √ September Package pickup for the MS150 City to Shore Bike Tour
- √ October "Buck" Nimz, U.S. Coast Guard Communications
- √ November Sunspots
- **√ December** Elections

"DON'T TAILGATE... WAIT"—for the courtesy ?!!



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9115 Pennsylvania Turnpike Police	1-800-932-0586
9116 New Jersey Turnpike Police	1-856-235-1000
9117 Pennsylvania State Police	215-560-6200
9118 New Jersey State Police	1-856-933-0550
9119 AAA Towing (Members Only PA or NJ)	1-800-222-4357

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